Great Breaking Up of Ice On Greenland's Coast.

WARNINGS FOR MARINERS

Interesting Work of the Hydrographic Office-Ships Menaced by the Huge Frozen Masses.

The reports of the Hydrographic office of the Navy Department show a very unusually large number of icebergs sighted this year in the North Atlantic. Mr. Robert E. Lerch of the Meteorological division, who has charge of the record of reports in regard to such matters, said he had never known, in the eight years of his service,

anything like so many.

It is prehably too early to say, but there is a prespect of a repetition of the great breaking up of ice on the east ast of Greenland in 1817. At that time vast fields of ice were loosened from their noprings and swung out lute the open sea and drifted southward till trey reached the Gulf stream, and even waters farther south, by which they were gradually caten

up.
The sea was opened along the southens The sea was opened along the southeast of Greenland in a way that was never before known and interest in Arctic exploration was revived. It was noted that the much tarked-of Northwest passage would be found after so much ice had come away, leaving unbarred scaways that find never been practicable within the traditions of the natives.

A hasty search does not reveal any

record of a similar breaking loose of ice

In the Northern Hemisphere from that time

to this. In Antarctic seas there were evi-

dences of the loosening of the ice fields

and bergs about the Southern ice-cap in

doebergs in these regions are much larger at all times than in the North Atlantic.

The catabisiment of the United States service to warn navigators of the dangers by obstructions in the seas is of comparatively recent drain, at least in its present form of keeping and issuing systematically bulletins informing ship masters of the

changes they may look out for on sen and

Reports on icebergs have been made only for about ten years past, and it is only in the past five years that any careful attempt has been made to do the work systematically and efficiently.

There is now published by the Hydrographic Office, under Commander Charles D. Sigsiec, the Hydrographic Bulletin, which shows contributions from source of captains and higher officers of staps tell-

ing of obstructions and other things no

RETURNS FROM SHIPS.

May 15, contains the following headings:
"Reports Along the Coast." "Berelicts,
Wreckage, Etc.," "Ice Reports," and
"New Signal Letters."

ordinary newspaper.

1832, and again in 1854 and 1855.

ing of the changes in his readings and govern himself accordingly.

Along with the pilot chart there is usually a mapshowing some special feature of the work of the office. For instance, in a recent issue there was a graphic representation of all March storms reported in the past five years.

A third publication by the office is its "Notes to Mariners." This does not give information about the North Atlantic alone but covers reports from all parts of the World. Its principal function is to advise mariners of changes in lights, buoyage, ing of the changes in his readings and

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vise mariners of changes in lights, buoyage, etc., at all harbors and at points of danger. The bulletin of May 13 shows reports of icebergs and ice fields and floes, sent in by fifty-light vessels. The senson opened late, but since the first these reports of ice have been exceedingly numerous. They show that the ice is now working its way around the southeastern portion of Newfoundland toward the Halifax.

ICE ON STRANGE SEAS. In a report not yet published, Capt. Braes of the State of California says that he passed a small berg in latitude 56, longitude 43 degrees and 43 minutes. In many years

traversing that region he has never seen ice there before.
Capt. Lahaung of the Swedish vessel Bjorgvin, which was the first to attempt to eater the Gulf of St. Lawrence by the northern reate through the Straits of Belle Isle, reports that his progress was stopped by fields of ice and he was obliged to turn back. Also Officer Behm, of the German steamship Boland, Capt. Von Rardichen, tells of live being seen in the vicinity of the Grand Banks. The first was 100 feet high and 100 feet long, the next of insignificant dimensions, the third about traversing that region he has never seen of insignificant dimensions, the third about the same size as the first, the fourth a large here, very high and several miles long, motherist" a large one several hundred feet high."

merged portion is about eight times as large as that which is visible. The tota amount of ice represented where measure ments have been taken is in some cases over

There are reports from six other ships of ice siglated on May 2. The German steamer Italia. Capt. Martens, passed a small berg in latitude 41 degrees and 18 minutes, which is very pear the lowest point ice is ever seen in the Atlantic. Mr. Sedenberg, on the German steamer Brilliant, Capt. Reller, which is the pear the control of the formula steamer Brilliant.

saw four bergs, one about 17.6 feet high. Third Mate Hill, of the British ship Armenian, observed a berg in lattade 43 degrees and 40 minutes which was 80 feet high and 125 feet long, and 40 minutes later to the westward be saw another 50 feet

high and 80 itest long, with a quantity of field ice to the northward. Later reports give larger numbers. Mr. Hochfeldt, of the ship Wastington, Capt linkinge, tella of eight bergs seen on May 4 on the Atlantic near New Foundland and Third Officer Schoolfer of the Lain says

Third Officer Schaeffer, of the Latin, say

the same number on that day in the same vicinity. Near Cape Pine on May S. Capt. Wallace of the British steamship Greenin saw six bergs and several pieces of lee thee-and on the same day. fifteen mice scath-west from Plate Point light, noticed four more small bergs. On May 10 a hundred bergs were reported in sight from Cap-



til His Ideal Is Realized. GROWTH OF A FREE SPORT

From Humble Origin It Has Come to Be Recognized as a Necessary Adjunct to Our Municipal Life.

Washington has a bathing beach in the scipicot stage, and, should present auticipations be verified, the acquisition, long deferred, will early develop into a reality to which every citizen may point with pride. It has made rapid strides in five years, and in the experience of the past two summers, there has been laid the foundation for yet greater progress, and in much less time than has been required to bring the improvementato its present stage. The beach was the product of an enter prising purpose to serve the rising gen eration, and its progress and present status are due to the perseverance and patience of Mr. W. X. Stevens, its superintendent whose services have been freely given, ofttimes at a financial sacrifice, and whose ambition is to prove that Washington can have public bathing facilities equal in ap-pointment to those of Long Branch, or other locality more favored naturally.

He is in a fair way to succeed. The embryo pool which he selected in 1889, uninviting then, and unimproved, has stood the test of experience, and will during the coming summer be much better patron

the coming summer of much better patron-ized than ever by both sexes and allages. The beach is not what it is designed to be, nor located where it is intended to be. It has great expectations of a deliver ance from its present environs, and en-joys the favor of Congress and an ap-preciative public. The sketch given of the present site, with its bath houses and ac-companiments, is but a perspective of what it will be by the grace of Congress and the District Commissioners, as rep resented in the second view.

HUMBLE IN ORIGIN. This waterside resort had an homble eginning, as have had many other greater enterprises. The necessity for such a provision was forced upon Mr. Stevens attention by the mere fact that he was timself obliged to go a long distance for in inferior open air bath, and he set bout to solve the problem.

He starched the river share from George-own to Anacosta seeking a saitable lo-ation, and after a survey of the entire field he came to the conclusion that there was nowhere an eligible site excepting at the one point which be finally selected for the experiment, near the foot of

seventeenth street.
It is described to be "between the in-er and outlet to the river and the inlet-and outlet to an inner basin, and also between the outlet of the inner basin, which is necessarily prominent in the parative, and the flushing gates of the

but the maintenance of separate houses and bathing suits, with quarters for the two colors located at the extremes of the ground, caused a wordy discussion in the newspapers, and the filing of protests from points as far away as Cincinnati. It is worthy of note that no complaint of that character was received from a single one of the colored patrons of the beach. They were not only satisfied, but really preferred the arrangement that was permitted for a while to shake the foundations

of the governmental structure.

In the beginning of the struggle for per-In the beginning of the struggle for perpetuity the management was obliged to scheme for funds, and among the devices for securing public aid was the giving of an entertainment of a literary and musical character. It was one of the test of its kind with which the city has ever been regaled, but the result was not encouraging. Through inadequate advertisement and a failure of the projectors to have its mission fairly understood, the enterprise fell short of meeting expenses by as much as \$14, and Mr. Sigvens footed the loss.

CALLED HIM CRANK. CALLED HIM CRANK.

Among other experiences was the char-acterization of the gader of the movement by some of the citizens as visionary crank or cuthusiast, . One man informed him in or consistant, one main informed but in effect that drowning in his own pool was about the correct fate for him, but that man become shortly thereafter one of the most arient supporters of the scheme.

There was a sad case of drowning at the beach not long after it became a resort for the youth of the town, and the friends of the information of the propriate of the standard of the information.

for the youth of the town, and the friends of the unfortunate seriously contemplated a suit, and complemed proceedings against the District for the recovery of \$10,000 as damage, but it was clearly shown that the occurrency was due to carelessness and that in recevent could the government be held responsible. This and similar events came as the discouraging features. The beach is well graded and has a good bottom, but it is not absolutely safe, nor in any respect as desirable as the inner basin can be made, and when that pool

basin can be made, and when that pool shall be appropriated, and the improvements made as now contemplated, it will be as near the ideal bathing place as the river front can furnish.

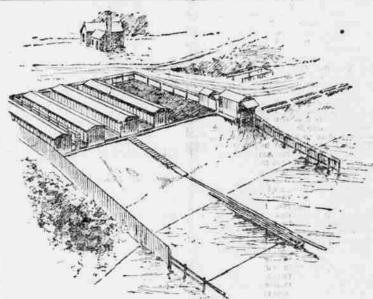
When the tide is extremely low a venfuresome person may wadeout to the danger line where he would be liable to drop into deep and treacherous water. Every precaution is taken to prevent accidents, and no fatality has occurred from this cause, but the danger exists nevertheless. To gunri the unwary a boatman is constantly on duty ready to direct and warn. A flight of stairs is placed on and warn. A flight of stairs is placed on either side of the wharf, for convenience, there is a foliceman to enforce order, and strict rules are made for observance whereby the peril is minimized.

One observing to the present site is that full tide and complete ebb tide occur about

three fourth of an hour latter each successive day, so that full tide on one Monday may occur at the same hour when on the succeeding Monday the low tide falls, and this constantly changing ebb and flow makes greater care and watchfulness essential and increase the difficulties of the situation. A hoy may dive one day at a point where he has ample depth, but on another day the same exploit in that locality will bring his head into rellision with the bottom of the real. The who is unable to swim, he may flounde in water over his head at a later venture.

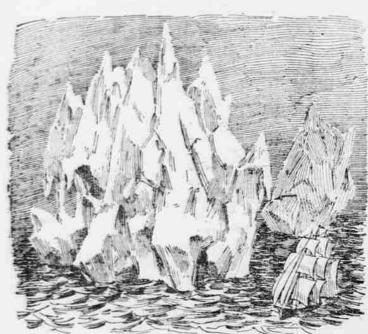
NOT THIS YEAR. oarative, and the flushing gates of the wharves.

The Washington Bathing Beach Association was organized about six years ago. It was composed of young men and boys, with Mr. Stevens as the guiding genius to sewage how discharged from the Seven-



The New Water Front.

several vessels had succeeded in entering S Johns. ECHOES FROM BERGS. Another report speaks of eighteen berg It summarizes the returns from nearly a in sight at one time. The Dutch steam



The latest issue. No. 350, of date of Rafe, but the field ice was noving off and

In the Ice Field,

0.000 tons.

A Gigantic Berg.

aundred ships. Of these, in the present icebergs. This bulletin is now sent every week to about 2,200 ship officers and cap-tains, who regularly contribute to us col-

the prevailing winds and currents over the occan, the normal state of the farometer and other information of that character. It shows the track of typical storms and locates graphically the positions of derelict ships and of ice when last seen

In addition there is appended a sorr-cast in separal terms of what weather may be expected on the North Atlantic for the ensuing mouth, as well as the review of the past mouth. The most ravored routes for crossing the Atlantic are shown and lines of travel in every direction are given to gether with the best points for crossing be equator. A similar chart is also sent out for the Pacific. From these publications the intelligent

observant mariner learns much that gives him skill in his calling. If, on assing the grand banks of Newfoundland, or example, he notices his thermometer and he barometer to behave in an unusual manhis barometer to behave in an unusual man-ner, and then, when he comes into port, finds from the chart or the builetin that there was a hig storm near where he nonced the phenomenal movements of the mencury on the date of his observations, he can be sure that his instruments were af-fected by the approach of the storm, al-though he was never fear enough to see may of its effects in the air or on the sea. Br will know next time what the mean-

Spaarndam on May 7, at 12:30 a.m., du ing a thick fog heard the echo of her fog born from the northwest sounding all around, but strongest from the north. As she continued on her cruise the echo dies away astern. The echo is attributed to the icebergs enveloped in the log through mms. No charge is made for it.

Beside this weekly bulieton the office issues a monthly pilot chart, which is of great assistance in navigation. It gives fog.

There are a good many suggestions as o the cause of this anusual movement of ice. One is that the almost unprecedented mild weather in high latitudes for the past three winters has left the union with the shore weaker, and the winds and currents have brought away huge fields

The reports from Greenland, Iceland, and Labrador all show that the weather has been much less rigorous during the past winter. Another suggestion from mariners is that the current from the Arctic sea for some reason is much stronger and that there have been high winds aid in its work of breaking up the ice fields lining the shores of Greenland.

Opposed to Stenling Once. She-I see Jack Parsons is a defaulter. He-Yes; how he has changed. Why, when he used to play baseball he wouldn't even steal a base.—New York Evening Telegram. Telegram.

To Fit the Appetite. 'What do you charge for board?'
'Do you ride a bicycle?'
'Yes; what difference does that make?''
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augurate the scheme. Each member ortribated \$1 to the sinking fund, and he total cash was expended in sinking and upon a graded space thirty feet wide, seew load of sand was parenased at a by and by. ost of \$9 and dumped upon the bed of he peed, forming a very good foundation, imited."

The sand unified with the sitt and mud suit, and the succeeding year its utility was bereby greatly enhanced. A tough con-rete was formed that more than met the expectations of the projectors—a success

i fact and in principle, somebody's assent must be had to this illumion of government territory, and of, Haines, then the United States officee charge, was consulted. He was de ighted with the idea, but powerless to pprove, no Army officer being authorized o permit the trespass.

ADDS A SAVING CLAUSE. The "saving clause" was introduced, owever, for Col. Harnes promised that the police should not interfere, and he kept his word. That is the beginning of the institution, and but little more was accom-pished until two years had passed. The people began to show their appreciation,

In the third year Congress was ap-pealed to for an appropriation of \$3,000, and complied. The use of 500 feet of the civer front was also granted, and real river front was also granted, and real work was begun. Grading was done, rocks cleared away, and 1,000 cubic yards of sand, purchased at a cost of \$650, were dumped upon the beach bottom. Five hundred feet of space, graded and sanded, and 100 bath houses, with accommodations for twice that number of bathers, came out of the previous barren waste. Most of The Times readers will recall the little flurry that arese about this time over the raising of the color line.

There was no such distinction, per se,

teenth street consult. The present mouth of the sewer is in too close growinity to the grounds for escapilete confort, but this, it is believed, will be obvioued in the early

The superintendent's idea, which will be eventually carried out, is to either have a dam built across the mouth of the inner basin and introduce a penstock, with a gate to admit of the ebb and flow of the title at any time when it shall become necessary, or, what is equally well, to have a gate put in \$1 the month and omit the dam. The latter alternative will prob-ably be adopted. The stone retaining ably be adopted. The stone retaining wall now being built by the government to wall now being blill by the government to protect the recaimed fals, sometime to be known as Poteniae Park, can be read-ily adapted to the plan, and will be. It is designed to preserve an equal depth of about four and one-balf feet over the

trea shown in the sketch of the inner busin to a given line of the wharf, which line shall be in the exact center of the pool relative to all of the shores, leaving a deep water enclosure forty feet in width and from 400 to 500 feet in length. Along both sides of this deep water hasin a wharf will be built about three inches above the surface of the water, for the con-venience of the divers, and from which,

also, a watchman may constantly view the surface. An expert could almost jump from the wharf to the center of this proposed pool for the rescue of any one in distress. There will be no occasion to watch anywhere

over the entire field, except about this narrow basin, the depth of which will be about twenty feet. The area of this entire inner basin is about 1,200x400 feet, and the swimming area may be made one bundred times greater than present facilities afford.

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ITS ECONOMY A FEATURE. In support of all arguments for an ap-propriation to put the beach in order it is shown that it will be a positive economy, to say nothing of the public bene-fit, to have the inner basin converted into a swimping pool. It would cost the government \$27,000 to have it filled up. with but little, if any, compensating advant-age, and to build a wall about it to make it

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